

St James News: Thought for the Day – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

**Thought for the day**

**Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Day 3: Education**

Look at the photo below... Who is learning and how are they learning?



*If you cannot see the photo above, then it is also attached*

**Wait in silence for a moment...** with prayerful expectation, pray, 'Come Holy Spirit, Thy Kingdom Come'

**Read...** Allow the bible verse to enliven your heart, stir your soul and spark your imagination.

John 10: 7-10

Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

**Listen...** Dwell on the thought of abundant life for the learners you know – young and old.

**Respond...** with prayer

God our Father, thank you for the gift of life and learning – at home, in school, online and wherever teaching is taking place. Increase in us your gifts of

curiosity, energy and imagination. Thank you for those who have inspired us. May we learn from you how best to work together so that the potential you have placed inside us is set free. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Something to think about...** How can I best use these unusual times to learn? How can I best use them to pass on learning?

**A Song to end...** Speak O Lord – you can listen to it here  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubRIJj8xkds>

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.